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RIVER OF ROMANCE IS THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI, WITH ITS PAST OF GREAT STEAMBOATS AND RAFTS, AND ABOVE ALL, THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOATS THAT PLIED ITS WATERS!

BUT THE RIVER HAS RASCALS AS WELL AS ROMANCE, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** FIND WHEN A STRANGE AND DRAMATIC SEARCH TAKES THEM AWAY FROM GOTHAM CITY TO BATTLE AGAINST THOSE PIRATES OF THE PAST, THE...

"RIVER ROGUES"

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AYE, AYE, **BATMAN!**

SHOW BOAT

RIVER QUEEN

A CENTURY AGO, ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, THE BIGGEST EVENT IN ANY TOWN WAS WHEN A CERTAIN BOAT ARRIVED... ♪♪

THE SHOW-BOAT'S COMING! HURRAY!

THAT NIGHT, AS AN EXCITED AUDIENCE JAMPACKS THE THEATRE CRAFT...

LOOK, **ROBIN!** MASKED MEN AT NIGHT MEAN CRIME IN **ANY** CENTURY!

LUCKY WE SPOTTED THEM IN TIME TO SWITCH TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!**

BANK

BATMAN AND **ROBIN** BACK HERE IN THE YEAR 1854? HOW CAN THIS BE?

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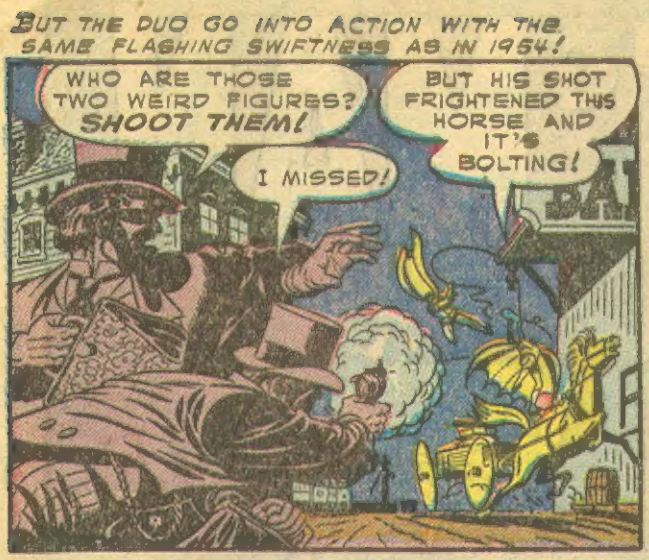
BUT THE DUO GO INTO ACTION WITH THE SAME FLASHING SWIFTNESS AS IN 1954!



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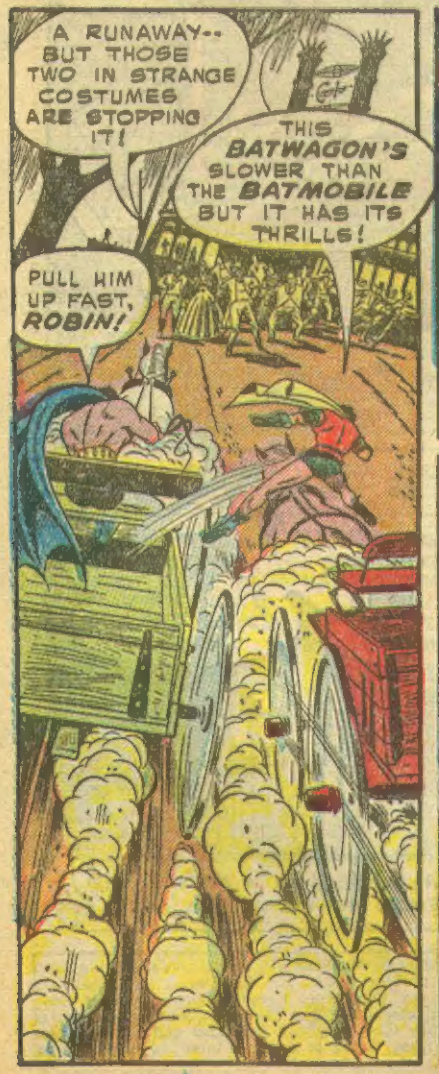
THAT RUNAWAY WILL CRASH RIGHT INTO THE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE SHOWBOAT-- QUICK, ROBIN, WE'VE GOT TO OVER-TAKE IT!
OUT OF HERE FAST, WITH THE LOOT WE'VE AL-READY GOT!


A RUNAWAY-- BUT THOSE TWO IN STRANGE COSTUMES ARE STOPPING IT!
THIS BATWAGON'S SLOWER THAN THE BATMOBILE BUT IT HAS ITS THRILLS!
PULL HIM UP FAST, ROBIN!

WE'RE LAWMEN FROM A-- ER-- DISTANT TOWN! STOPPING THE RUNAWAY KEPT US FROM CATCH-ING THE THIEVES!
THERE HAVE BEEN ROBBERIES IN EVERY TOWN ALONG THE RIVER WHEN THAT SHOWBOAT PLAYS! ITS CAPTAIN SHOULD DO SOME EXPLAINING!

MY SHOWBOAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THOSE ROBBERIES-- IT'S JUST AN UNFORTUNATE COINCIDENCE!
A COINCIDENCE THAT THEY ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR SHOWBOAT WILL STOP, CAP'N JOHN GORDON!

CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON-- THEN WE'VE FINALLY FOUND THE MAN WE CAME BACK A CENTURY TO FIND!
AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE MAY BE GUILTY!
THEN THE DYNAMIC DUO HAVE COME BACK TO 1954 TO FIND ONE MAN-- AND THERE'S A REASON FOR THE SEARCH!

NOW, LET US LOOK AHEAD TO 1954, WHEN A SENSATIONAL PIECE OF HISTORY CAME SUDDENLY TO LIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY...

Gotham Gazette

GORDON ANCESTOR REVEALED AS CRIMINAL

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S GREAT-GRANDFATHER INVOLVED IN CENTURY-OLD CRIME WAVE ON THE MISSISSIPPI

John Gordon Central Figure of the River Bandit Crimes!

I NEVER KNEW MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD-- AND I NEVER SAW THIS PICTURE BEFORE!

BUT, COMMISSIONER, YOU SAY THE PICTURE *IS* AUTHENTIC-- AND JOHN GORDON *WAS* CAPTAIN OF THE MISSISSIPPI SHOWBOAT, "RIVER QUEEN"!

YES-- SOME ENEMY OF MINE DUG THIS UP TO MAKE ME THE LAUGHING-STOCK! I'LL HAVE TO RESIGN AS POLICE COMMISSIONER!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION! AND *ROBIN* AND I WILL FIND IT!

AND TO DO SO, WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO 1854!

SO AS THEY HAD DONE BEFORE, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON (SECRETLY BATMAN AND *ROBIN*) VISITED THEIR FRIEND, PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS, WHOSE HYPNOTISM HURLED THEM BACK INTO THE PAST...

BACK THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER.. BACK TO 1854--

THAT WAS WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED, AND BROUGHT THEM TO THE PRESENT SITUATION...

WELL, IT SEEMS ODD YOUR SHOW-BOAT IS ALWAYS NEAR THESE ROBBERIES!

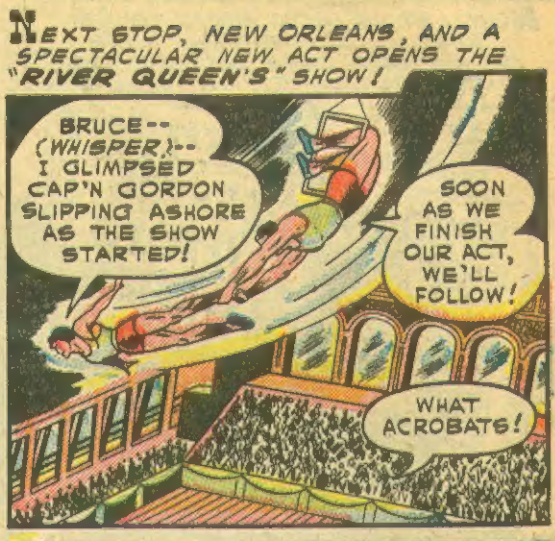
ROBIN, IT DOES SOUND SUSPICIOUS! WE'RE GOING WITH THE SHOWBOAT TO INVESTIGATE-- AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON!

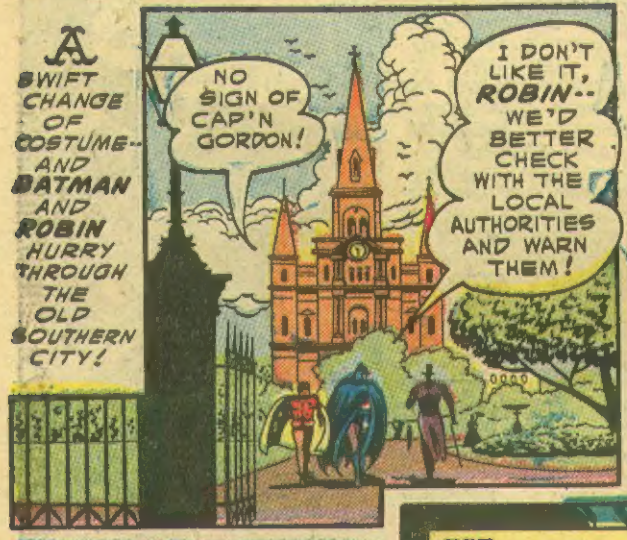
A QUICK CHANGE IN A SHADOWY CORNER-- AND THE PAIR AUDITION FOR CAPTAIN JOHN GORDON...

HOW'S THIS FOR AN ACROBATIC ACT, CAP'N?

SPLENDID! THIS IS BAIRD HAWES, MY DIRECTOR-- HE'LL GIVE YOU A SPOT IN THE SHOW!

THUS WHEN THE GLAMOROUS SHOWBOAT GLIDES DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI, IT CARRIES TWO 20th CENTURY DETECTIVES BENT ON SOLVING A SINISTER RIDDLE!
IF GORDON ISN'T BEHIND THESE ROBBERIES, WHO IS?
SOMEONE ABOARD COULD TIP OFF THE ROBBERS WHERE THE SHOWBOAT WILL PLAY EACH TIME-- WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES OPEN AT THE NEXT STOP!


NEXT STOP, NEW ORLEANS, AND A SPECTACULAR NEW ACT OPENS THE "RIVER QUEEN'S" SHOW!
BRUCE-- (WHISPER)-- I GLIMPSED CAP'N GORDON SLIPPING ASHORE AS THE SHOW STARTED!
SOON AS WE FINISH OUR ACT, WE'LL FOLLOW!
WHAT ACROBATS!


A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME-- AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HURRY THROUGH THE OLD SOUTHERN CITY!
NO SIGN OF CAP'N GORDON!
I DON'T LIKE IT, ROBIN-- WE'D BETTER CHECK WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND WARN THEM!

SO YOU POSTED GUARDS AT ALL THE BANKS BECAUSE OF THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE TONIGHT? GOOD-- BUT IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE ROBBERS MIGHT TRY TO STEAL?
WELL, THE AFTERNOON TRAIN IS TAKING SOME GOLD BULLION NORTH-- BUT THEY CAN'T GET AT THAT!

I'M NOT SO SURE-- I THINK WE'LL RIDE THAT TRAIN TILL IT GETS WELL OUT OF TOWN!
IF YOU THINK THERE'S DANGER, I'LL GO ALONG ON IT, TOO! THIS WAY TO THE STATION!

WHEN THE TRAIN DEPARTS, THREE UNANNOUNCED PASSENGERS ARE ABOARD...
NO-- NEITHER GORDON NOR ANY SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTER IS ON THE TRAIN!
THEY'D SURELY TRY FOR THE GOLD, THOUGH-- AND THERE'S ONE METHOD THEY MIGHT USE! LET'S GET UP WHERE WE CAN WATCH THE TRACK!

THERE'S A BAR ON THE TRACK AHEAD-- IT'LL DERAIL THE TRAIN! SIGNAL THE ENGINEER TO STOP!

HE CAN'T IN TIME! QUICK, ROBIN-- I'LL HOLD YOUR HEELS!

GOT IT!

IT'S A STEEL CAPSTAN BAR FROM THE *RIVER QUEEN*-- *AND LOOK THERE!*

THAT LOOKED LIKE CAP'N GORDON, LEADING THE CROOKS WHO TRIED TO DERAIL THIS TRAIN!

I SAW HIM, TOO--THEY GOT AWAY AMONG THOSE TREES AND SPANISH MOSS, BUT WE'LL GET BACK TO TOWN FAST TO TRY TO CATCH THEM!

BACK IN NEW ORLEANS, THE SEARCH CONTINUES INTO THE NIGHT UNTIL...

GOT YOU AT LAST, CAP'N GORDON!

BUT I ONLY SLIPPED ASHORE TO SEE IF I COULD SPOT THE THIEVES WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING WHEREVER MY SHOWBOAT STOPS!

A LIKELY STORY! I RECOGNIZED YOUR UNIFORM AMONG THOSE WOULD-BE TRAIN-WRECKERS! I'M PUTTING YOU UNDER ARREST!

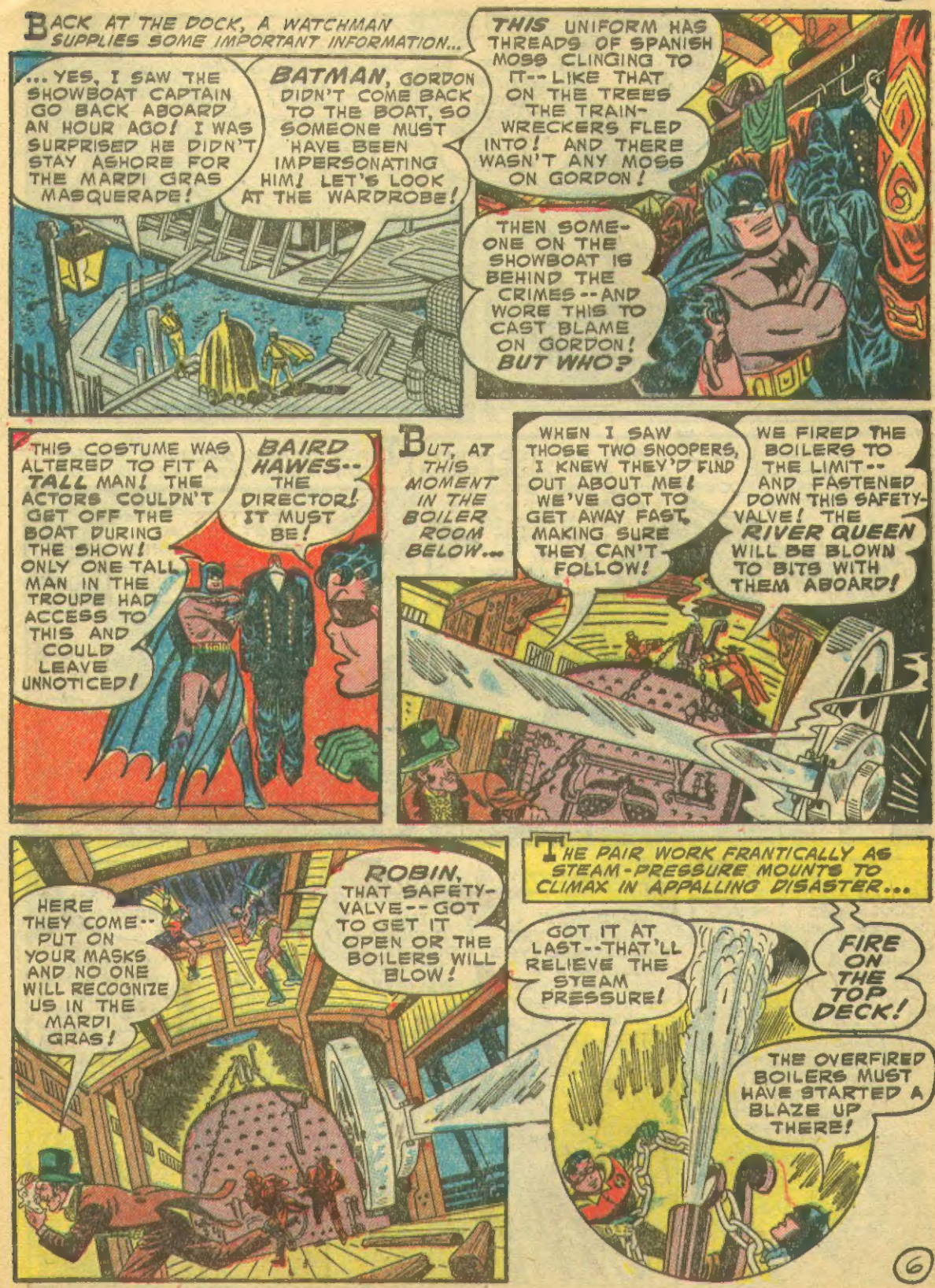
AND SHORTLY, IN JAIL...

THIS NEW INVENTION, THE DAGUERREOTYPE, WILL MAKE A PICTURE THAT WILL INTEREST EVERYONE!

I'M RUINED-- DISGRACED-- NO ONE BELIEVES ME!

YOUR UNIFORM IS QUITE CLEAN! TELL ME, CAP'N-- IS THERE A UNIFORM LIKE YOURS IN YOUR SHOW-BOAT'S THEATRICAL WARDROBE?

YES-- WE USE ONE IN SOME OF OUR SKETCHES!


BACK AT THE DOCK, A WATCHMAN SUPPLIES SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION...
...YES, I SAW THE SHOWBOAT CAPTAIN GO BACK ABOARD AN HOUR AGO! I WAS SURPRISED HE DIDN'T STAY ASHORE FOR THE MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE!
BATMAN, GORDON DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE BOAT, SO SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN IMPERSONATING HIM! LET'S LOOK AT THE WARDROBE!
THIS UNIFORM HAS THREADS OF SPANISH MOSS CLINGING TO IT--LIKE THAT ON THE TREES THE TRAIN-WRECKERS FLED INTO! AND THERE WASN'T ANY MOSS ON GORDON!
THEN SOMEONE ON THE SHOWBOAT IS BEHIND THE CRIMES--AND WORE THIS TO CAST BLAME ON GORDON! BUT WHO?
THIS COSTUME WAS ALTERED TO FIT A TALL MAN! THE ACTORS COULDN'T GET OFF THE BOAT DURING THE SHOW! ONLY ONE TALL MAN IN THE TROUPE HAD ACCESS TO THIS AND COULD LEAVE UNNOTICED!
BAIRD HAWES--THE DIRECTOR! IT MUST BE!
BUT, AT THIS MOMENT IN THE BOILER ROOM BELOW...
WHEN I SAW THOSE TWO SNOOPERS, I KNEW THEY'D FIND OUT ABOUT ME! WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FAST, MAKING SURE THEY CAN'T FOLLOW!
WE FIRED THE BOILERS TO THE LIMIT--AND FASTENED DOWN THIS SAFETY-VALVE! THE RIVER QUEEN WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS WITH THEM ABOARD!
HERE THEY COME--PUT ON YOUR MASKS AND NO ONE WILL RECOGNIZE US IN THE MARDI GRAS!
ROBIN, THAT SAFETY-VALVE--GOT TO GET IT OPEN OR THE BOILERS WILL BLOW!
THE PAIR WORK FRANTICALLY AS STEAM-PRESSURE MOUNTS TO CLIMAX IN APPALLING DISASTER...
GOT IT AT LAST--THAT'LL RELIEVE THE STEAM PRESSURE!
FIRE ON THE TOP DECK!
THE OVERFIRED BOILERS MUST HAVE STARTED A BLAZE UP THERE!

THE SMOKESTACKS POURED OUT SO MANY SPARKS, THEY SET THE TOPDECK AFIRE!

QUICK, GRAB THOSE FIRE-BUCKETS!

BUT AN OLD-FASHIONED BUCKET-BRIGADE PROVES HOPELESS AGAINST SPREADING FLAMES!

WE CAN'T PUT IT OUT--

GIVE ME THOSE BUCKETS, AND SOME WIRE-- *FAST!* MAYBE THERE'S STILL A WAY!

NOW CAST OFF, TAKE THE WHEEL AND *RING FULL SPEED AHEAD, ROBIN!*

RIGHT!

IT'S WORKING-- IT'S PUTTING OUT THE FIRE!

WE CAN BACK INTO PORT AND GRAB THOSE CROOKS NOW!

BUT SEEKING MASKED MEN IN NEW ORLEANS DURING MARDI GRAS IS HOPELESS!

WHAT CUTE COSTUMES--

EVERYONE'S MASKED-- AND THEY DON'T REMOVE THEM UNTIL MIDNIGHT! BY THEN, OUR BANDITS WILL BE GONE!

BUT IF EVERY-ONE UNMASKED NOW, THEY'D BE REVEALED! ONLY ONE WAY TO MANAGE THAT!

BONG

BUT IT'S JUST STARTING TO STRIKE ELEVEN NOW!

BUT AS ELEVEN GREAT NOTES PEAL OUT, THE BATMAN ADDS SOMETHING...
BY HITTING THE BELL WITH YOUR BATARANG, YOU SOUNDED A TWELFTH NOTE! THEY'LL THINK IT'S MIDNIGHT!
BONG!
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER--BUT RIGHT NOW EVERYONE'S UNMASKING, AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT!
BUT THOSE WHO REMAIN MASKED SUDDENLY ARE MARKED MEN!
THANKS FOR MAKING IT SO EASY TO IDENTIFY YOU--!
LATER, AN INNOCENT MAN'S NAME IS CLEARED!
I'M GOING TO KEEP THIS IN MY OFFICE WHERE EVERYONE CAN SEE IT!
BATMAN-- (WHISPER)--WE'D BETTER LEAVE! I CAN FEEL PROFESSOR NICHOLS' HYPNOTIC EFFECT WEARING OFF!
RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED
AND SOON AFTER FLASHING BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER TO GOTHAM CITY IN 1854..
...SO THE 1854 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED PROOF OF MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S INNOCENCE--BUT THOSE NEWSPAPER FILES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CIVIL WAR! WE STILL HAVE NO PROOF!
MAYBE WE DO--DIDN'T YOU SAY YOUR GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S SHOWBOAT WAS PRESERVED AS A MUSEUM? LET'S GO THERE!
AND AT THE GLAMOROUS OLD RELIC OF THE RIVER!
THERE'S NOTHING HERE, BATMAN!
THIS PANELLING ISN'T THE ORIGINAL WALL OF THIS OFFICE! I--ER--HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT! I'LL REMOVE IT WITHOUT DAMAGING IT--
THERE IT IS--ABSOLUTE PROOF OF CAP'N JOHN GORDON'S INNOCENCE! ONLY YOU TWO COULD HAVE FOUND IT--BUT HOW?
THAT'S A PROFESSIONAL SECRET--AND ANYWAY, I'M AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU!
RIVER GAZETTE
GORDON'S INNOCENCE PROVED
THE END

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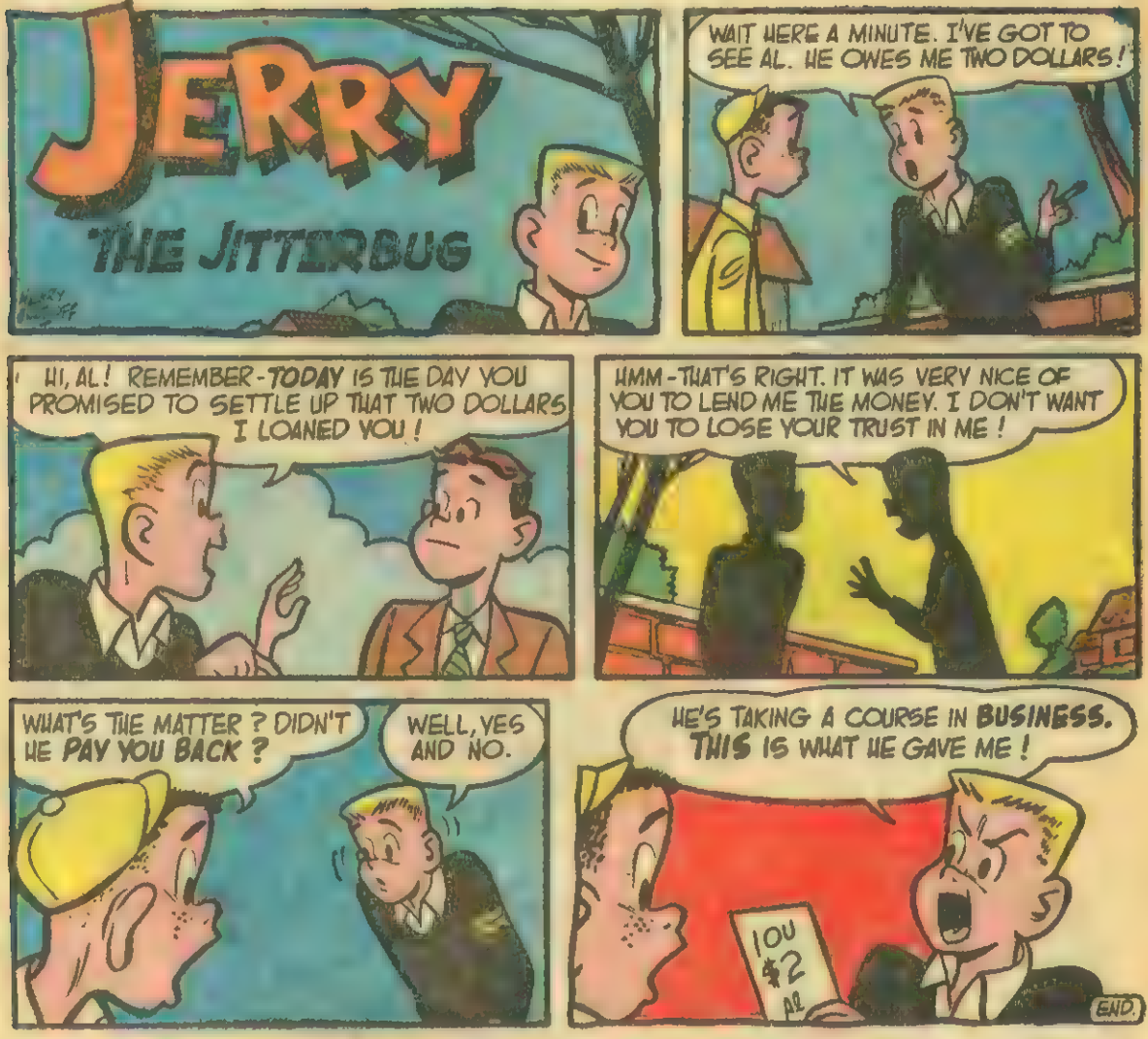
JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
WAIT HERE A MINUTE. I'VE GOT TO SEE AL. HE OWES ME TWO DOLLARS!
HI, AL! REMEMBER-TODAY IS THE DAY YOU PROMISED TO SETTLE UP THAT TWO DOLLARS I LOANED YOU!
HMM-THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS VERY NICE OF YOU TO LEND ME THE MONEY. I DON'T WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR TRUST IN ME!
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DIDN'T HE PAY YOU BACK?
WELL, YES AND NO.
HE'S TAKING A COURSE IN BUSINESS. THIS IS WHAT HE GAVE ME!
IOU $2 AL
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BATMAN AND ROBIN

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD ARE FAMOUS IN HISTORY...THE PYRAMIDS, THE LEANING TOWER, AND ALL THE OTHER GREAT MARVELS! BUT THERE ARE ALSO SINISTER MARVELS THAT ARE FAMOUS IN CRIMINAL HISTORY--THE MOST AWESOME AND DANGEROUS DEVICES OF CRIME EVER CREATED! AND BATMAN FINDS THAT ONE OF THESE DEVICES IS A DEADLY DANGER TO HIMSELF, WHEN HE AND ROBIN BATTLE TO PROTECT GOTHAM CITY FROM...

The SEVEN WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!

BOB KANE

NEAR GOTHAM CITY, A ROBBER-BARON OF MODERN CRIME HAS ACQUIRED A TRULY BARONIAL DWELLING...

YES, A MILLIONAIRE WHO LIKED OLD CASTLES BUILT THIS PLACE--AND WHEN HE DIED, VINCE VARDEN BOUGHT IT FOR HIS HIDEOUT!

I CAN SEE WHY! PULL THIS DRAWBRIDGE UP, AND VINCE WON'T BE BOTHERED BY SNOOPERS!

BUT VINCE VARDEN, UNDERWORLD LEADER, HAS BEEN SLIPPING LATELY...

WHERE ARE THE BOYS, WEEDY? I SENT WORD FOR THEM TO COME AND HEAR THE JOBS I'VE PLANNED!

VINCE, THE MOB WON'T FOLLOW YOU NO MORE! THEY SAY YOUR METHODS ARE OLD-FASHIONED...THAT YOU'RE FINISHED AS A LEADER!

SO I'M THROUGH, AM I? I'LL SHOW THEM -- AND ALL GOTHAM CITY -- SOME REALLY HISTORIC CRIMES! THEY'LL SOON BEG TO COME BACK TO ME!
S-SURE, BOSS... T-TAKE IT EASY!
SOON, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, VARDEN'S AGENTS COMB THE CRIMINAL HAUNTS OF A DOZEN NATIONS...
MY EMPLOYER WANTS TO BUY YOUR FAMOUS CRIME-INVENTION -- THE ONE THAT WAS USED TO STEAL THE CROWN JEWELS!
HE CAN HAVE IT -- IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
AND BEFORE LONG, FROM HOME AND ABROAD, MYSTERIOUS CRATES AND PACKING CASES CONVERGE ON A CRIME-KING'S CASTLE...
INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT -- HA! I WONDER WHAT'S REALLY INSIDE?
WE'LL KNOW TONIGHT! VINCE HAS INVITED EVERYBODY IN THE UNDERWORLD TO AN EXHIBITION!
THAT NIGHT, AMAZED CROOKS SEE WONDERS INDEED...
BUT, VINCE -- WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?
THEY'RE THE PRODUCTS OF THE GREATEST CRIMINAL INVENTORS USED IN THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CRIMES! LOOK AT THEM -- THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
THIS IS THE MECHANICAL FORGER! IT CAN TRACE AND REPRODUCE ANY SIGNATURE EXACTLY!
GEE -- I COULD MAKE A MILLION WITH THAT!
AND HERE'S THE HYDRAULIC JIMMY! YOU CAN SEE HOW, WITH ITS POWERFUL HYDRAULIC LIFT, IT CAN PRY OPEN ANYTHING!
BOY, THAT'S REALLY SOMETHING!

BATMAN

AND THE *VACUUM THIEF*, WHOSE TERRIFIC SUCTION CAN GRAB UP LOOSE PAPER MONEY FROM ANY-WHERE!

LIKE A MONEY-SNATCHER'S DREAM COME TRUE!

GREEDY CROOKS ARE DAZZLED BY THREE MORE WONDERS OF THE UNDER-WORLD--BUT THE 7th WONDER REMAINS A MYSTERY...

THE *SECOND-STORY BURGLAR MACHINE*, THE *MAGNETIC MOBSTER*, THE *PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR*... BUT THAT'S ONLY SIX, VINCE! WHERE'S THE 7th?

RIGHT HERE-- AND IT'S THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE COLLECTION!

IT ONLY LOOKS LIKE A TANK OF GAS! WHAT IS IT-- *POISON* GAS?

NO, IT'S PERFECTLY HARMLESS TO PEOPLE--YET IT WILL END THE CAREERS OF *BATMAN AND ROBIN!* A MASTER-CHEMIST DEVISED IT FOR JUST THAT ONE PURPOSE!

NOW CAN SOMETHING ENTIRELY HARMLESS DOOM BATMAN AND ROBIN? IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE-- AND YET... WHO KNOWS?

MEANWHILE, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS MAKE THEIR NIGHTLY PATROL, UNAWARE OF THE INGENIOUS MENACES THAT NOW THREATEN GOTHAM CITY...

EVERYTHING SEEMS QUIET, YET THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNS OF EXCITEMENT IN THE UNDER-WORLD THAT I DON'T LIKE!

A TANK-LIKE MACHINE THAT EXTENDS STEEL ARMS WITH HOOKS ABOVE IT, AND CLIMBS UP BUILDINGS THAT WAY!

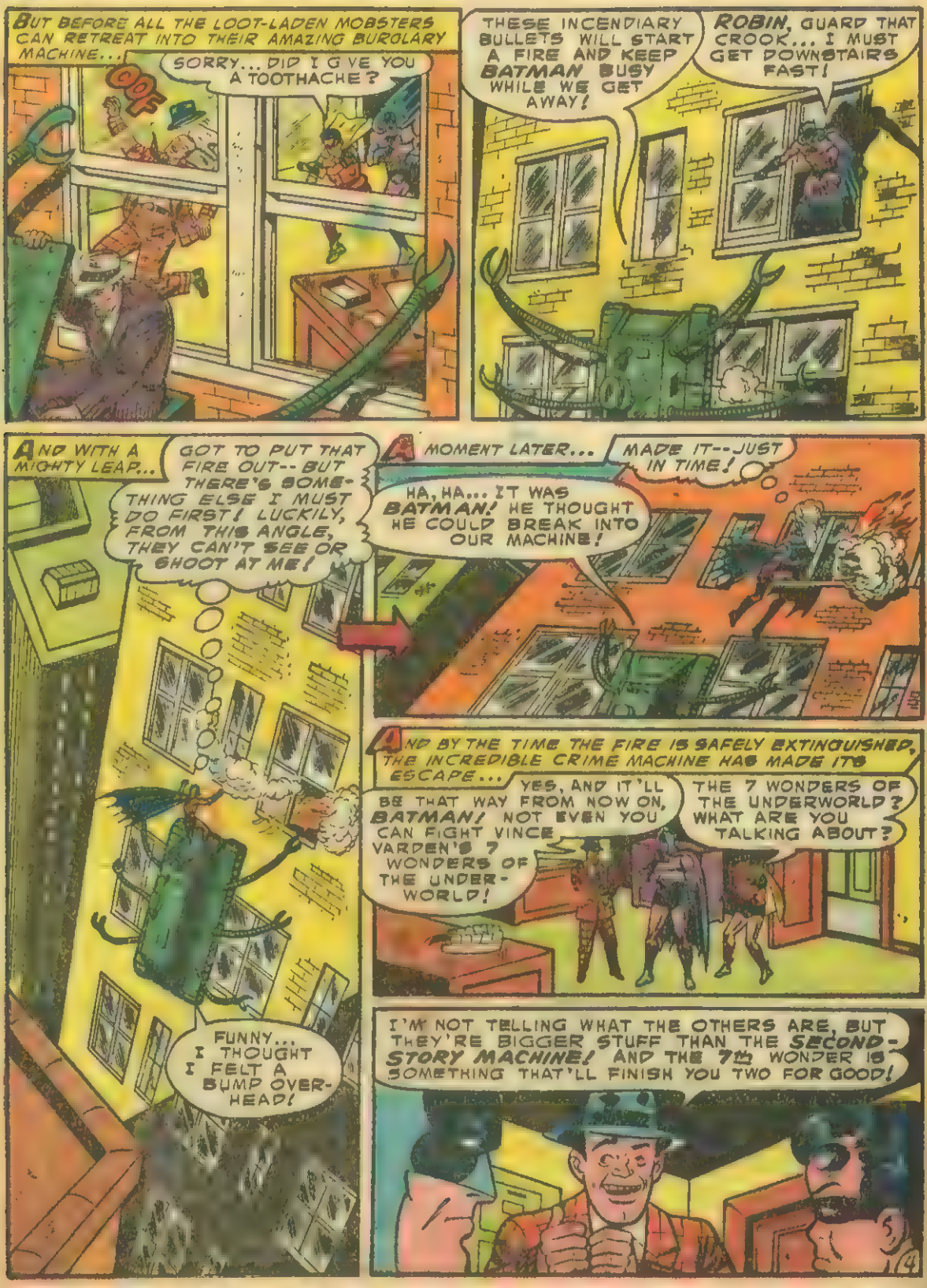
RACING ACROSS ROOFTOPS, BATMAN AND ROBIN SOON BEHOLD AN AMAZING SIGHT...

BATMAN, LOOK! IT'S INCREDIBLE-- LIKE A GIANT INSECT CRAWLING UP THE *BLAINE BUILDING!*

IT'S STOPPING AT THE WINDOW OF THE *DENTAL GOLD COMPANY!* QUICK-- WE CAN SWING ACROSS TO THAT OPEN HALL-WINDOW NEAR IT!

WITH LONG-PRACTICED SKILL, THE DUO UNCOILS STRONG SILK ROPES AND FLASH ACROSS..

GET BACK INTO THE MACHINE WITH WHATEVER GOLD YOU'VE 'GOT! *BATMAN'S* COMING!


BUT BEFORE ALL THE LOOT-LADEN MOBSTERS CAN RETREAT INTO THEIR AMAZING BURGLARY MACHINE...
SORRY... DID I GIVE YOU A TOOTHACHE?
OOF
THESE INCENDIARY BULLETS WILL START A FIRE AND KEEP BATMAN BUSY WHILE WE GET AWAY!
ROBIN, GUARD THAT CROOK... I MUST GET DOWNSTAIRS FAST!
AND WITH A MIGHTY LEAP...
GOT TO PUT THAT FIRE OUT-- BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I MUST DO FIRST! LUCKILY, FROM THIS ANGLE, THEY CAN'T SEE OR SHOOT AT ME!
A MOMENT LATER...
MADE IT--JUST IN TIME!
HA, HA... IT WAS BATMAN! HE THOUGHT HE COULD BREAK INTO OUR MACHINE!
AND BY THE TIME THE FIRE IS SAFELY EXTINGUISHED, THE INCREDIBLE CRIME MACHINE HAS MADE ITS ESCAPE...
YES, AND IT'LL BE THAT WAY FROM NOW ON, BATMAN! NOT EVEN YOU CAN FIGHT VINCE VARDEN'S 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FUNNY... I THOUGHT I FELT A BUMP OVERHEAD!
I'M NOT TELLING WHAT THE OTHERS ARE, BUT THEY'RE BIGGER STUFF THAN THE SECOND-STORY MACHINE! AND THE 7TH WONDER IS SOMETHING THAT'LL FINISH YOU TWO FOR GOOD!

BATMAN

WHAT IS THIS WEAPON VARDEN HAS AGAINST US?

ONLY VINCE KNOWS... BUT YOU WILL FIND OUT WHEN HE USES IT!

BATMAN! SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH ON MY BELT-RADIO...YET YOU'RE RIGHT HERE!

THAT'S BECAUSE I HID MY BELT-RADIO, WITH THE TRANSMITTER TURNED ON, UNDER THE COWL OF THAT SECOND-STORY MACHINE!

LISTEN--THAT'S VARDEN'S VOICE NOW!

YOU SAW--BATMAN WAS HELPLESS AGAINST OUR SECOND-STORY MACHINE! WE'LL HIT THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP NEXT WITH ANOTHER WONDER OF CRIME!

WHERE DOES VARDEN KEEP THESE WONDERS?

VINCE'S HIDEOUT IS HIS SECRET, AND I'M NOT TELLING YOU!

IT'S NO USE, BATMAN... WE'D BETTER TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE AND PREPARE FOR THAT JEWEL-GRAB THEY'VE PLANNED!

SO AWHILE LATER, IN THE DARKNESS OF THE GOTHAM JEWEL SHOP...

I'M WORRIED, BATMAN! WHAT KIND OF WEAPON COULD VINCE VARDEN HAVE, TO USE ESPECIALLY ON US?

IT'S A MYSTERY! BUT--SHH... I HEAR A CAR OUTSIDE!

AND OUTSIDE, IN THE NIGHT, A NEW MENACE LOOMS...

GET READY TO SEND IN THE MAGNETIC MOBSTER!

SURE, VINCE--THIS WILL BE THE BIGGEST JEWEL ROBBERY OF ALL... AND NOBODY CAN STOP IT!

ABRUPTLY, IN THE JEWEL SHOP, A TERRIFYING "CRIMINAL" BURSTS IN...

HERE THEY COME, BATMAN, AND... WAIT! IT'S NOT HUMAN... IT'S A MACHINE!

A MACHINE THAT'S GRABBED THE SAFE WITH THOSE POWERFUL MAGNET "HANDS"!

I CAN'T FIND ANY EXTERIOR CONTROLS-- OOF!
LOOK OUT, OR IT'LL RUSH RIGHT OVER YOU, ROBIN! LUCKY WE HAD THE JEWELER TAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF THAT SAFE!
AFTER IT, BATMAN! IT'S GETTING INTO THAT CAR WITH THE SAFE!
THE WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN... USE IT!
LOOK OUT ROBIN! IT MAY BE POISON GAS!
THAT'LL FIX THEM, BOYS! NOW LET'S GO!
ARE YOU HURT? THE GAS HIT US BOTH, BUT IT DIDN'T HARM ME!
IT DIDN'T HARM ME EITHER! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! BUT WE'D BETTER GET AFTER THEM FAST!
SECONDS LATER, AS THE SLEEK BATMOBILE GIVES CHASE...
THEIR TERRIBLE WEAPON AGAINST US WAS HARMLESS!
IT MAY ONLY SEEM HARMLESS. I WISH I KNEW WHAT EFFECT THAT GAS IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE!
DOES A DOOM HANG OVER BATMAN AND ROBIN-- SO SECRET THAT EVEN THEY CAN'T GUESS IT?
ANYWAY, I THINK WE'LL LAST LONG ENOUGH TO RUN DOWN VINCE VARDEN AND HIS MOB!
I FEEL FINE-- AND THE POLICE WILL HAVE ROAD-BLOCKS UP IN ANSWER TO OUR RADIO-CALL! BUT... BATMAN, LOOK! THIS IS A DIFFERENT CAR... WE'VE LOST THEM!
AND UP AHEAD IN THAT "DIFFERENT" CAR, EXULTANT CROOKS LAUGH GLEEFULLY...
NOW WATCH THEM GIVE UP THE CHASE!
HA, HA-- THEY DON'T KNOW THIS IS THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR, WITH SLIDING PANELS THAT CAN CHANGE THE CAR'S WHOLE SHAPE AND COLOR WHEN YOU PRESS A BUTTON! IT'S A REAL WONDER!
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BUT A QUICK-THINKING BATMAN SOON GUESSES THE TRUTH...

MIGHT AS WELL SLOW DOWN, BATMAN!

NO, WAIT! THAT CAR -- IT'S A DIFFERENT COLOR, BUT ITS REAR SPRINGS AND TIRES ARE STILL WEIGHED DOWN HEAVILY BY THE SAFE AND THE MAGNETIC MONSTER!

YOU'RE RIGHT -- AND I SEE A POLICE ROAD-BLOCK UP AHEAD! THEY'RE CAUGHT!

I'M NOT SO SURE, ROBIN... LOOK THERE!

ANOTHER INCREDIBLE TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE IN THE CHAMELEON CAR...

IT'S THE BATMOBILE... LET THEM THROUGH!

BUT LOOK -- THERE'S ANOTHER BATMOBILE! ONE OF THEM MUST BE A FAKE! QUICK -- PUT UP THE BLOCK AGAIN!

IT TAKES ONLY A SECOND FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO TO EXPLAIN -- BUT IN THE MEANTIME, AN INGENIOUS GET-AWAY-CAR HAS DISAPPEARED!

THEY'RE GONE -- BUT WE CAN STILL TRAIL THEM BY THE DEEP TIRE-TRACKS THEIR WEIGHTED CAR LEFT ON THIS DIRT ROAD! BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW, ROBIN?

OKAY... BUT THAT'S FUNNY! MY R-EMBLEM AND YOUR BAT-EMBLEM HAVE COME LOOSE AND ARE FALLING OFF!

DOES THAT SINISTER OMEN FORETELL THE END OF BATMAN AND ROBIN?

VINCE VARDEN, IN HIS BARONIAL HIDEOUT, SEEMS CONVINCED THAT IT DOES...

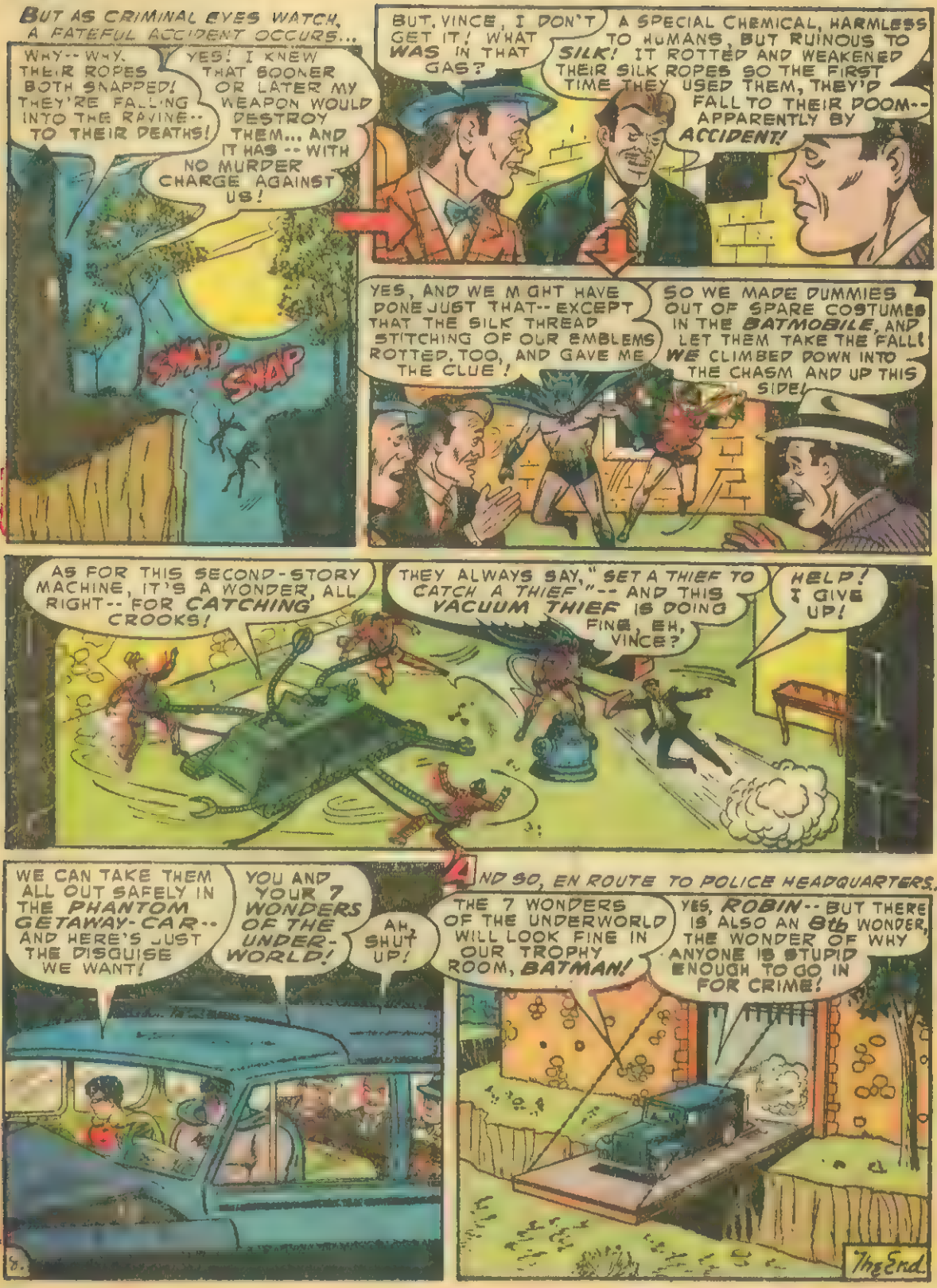
THE HYDRAULIC JIMMY HAS OPENED THE SAFE -- BUT IT'S EMPTY! BATMAN TRICKED US!

WELL, IT'S THE LAST TIME HE'S GOING TO!

OH, YEAH? LOOK OUT THERE!

SO THEY TRAILED US AFTER ALL! BUT WITH THE DRAW-BRIDGE UP, THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

NO? THEY CAN SWING ACROSS EASY ON THEIR SILK ROPES! YOUR WEAPON AGAINST BATMAN WAS ALL A FAKE!


BUT AS CRIMINAL EYES WATCH, A FATEFUL ACCIDENT OCCURS...
WHY--WHY, THEIR ROPES BOTH SNAPPED! THEY'RE FALLING INTO THE RAVINE--TO THEIR DEATHS!
YES! I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER MY WEAPON WOULD DESTROY THEM... AND IT HAS--WITH NO MURDER CHARGE AGAINST US!
SNAP
SNAP
BUT, VINCE, I DON'T GET IT! WHAT WAS IN THAT GAS?
A SPECIAL CHEMICAL, HARMLESS TO HUMANS, BUT RUINOUS TO SILK! IT ROTTED AND WEAKENED THEIR SILK ROPES SO THE FIRST TIME THEY USED THEM, THEY'D FALL TO THEIR DOOM--APPARENTLY BY ACCIDENT!
YES, AND WE MIGHT HAVE DONE JUST THAT--EXCEPT THAT THE SILK THREAD STITCHING OF OUR EMBLEMS ROTTED, TOO, AND GAVE ME THE CLUE!
SO WE MADE DUMMIES OUT OF SPARE COSTUMES IN THE BATMOBILE, AND LET THEM TAKE THE FALL! WE CLIMBED DOWN INTO THE CHASM AND UP THIS SIDE!
AS FOR THIS SECOND-STORY MACHINE, IT'S A WONDER, ALL RIGHT--FOR CATCHING CROOKS!
THEY ALWAYS SAY, "SET A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF"--AND THIS VACUUM THIEF IS DOING FINE, EH, VINCE?
HELP! I GIVE UP!
AND SO, EN ROUTE TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WE CAN TAKE THEM ALL OUT SAFELY IN THE PHANTOM GETAWAY-CAR--AND HERE'S JUST THE DISGUISE WE WANT!
YOU AND YOUR 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
AH, SHUT UP!
THE 7 WONDERS OF THE UNDERWORLD WILL LOOK FINE IN OUR TROPHY ROOM, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN--BUT THERE IS ALSO AN 8th WONDER, THE WONDER OF WHY ANYONE IS STUPID ENOUGH TO GO IN FOR CRIME!
The End.

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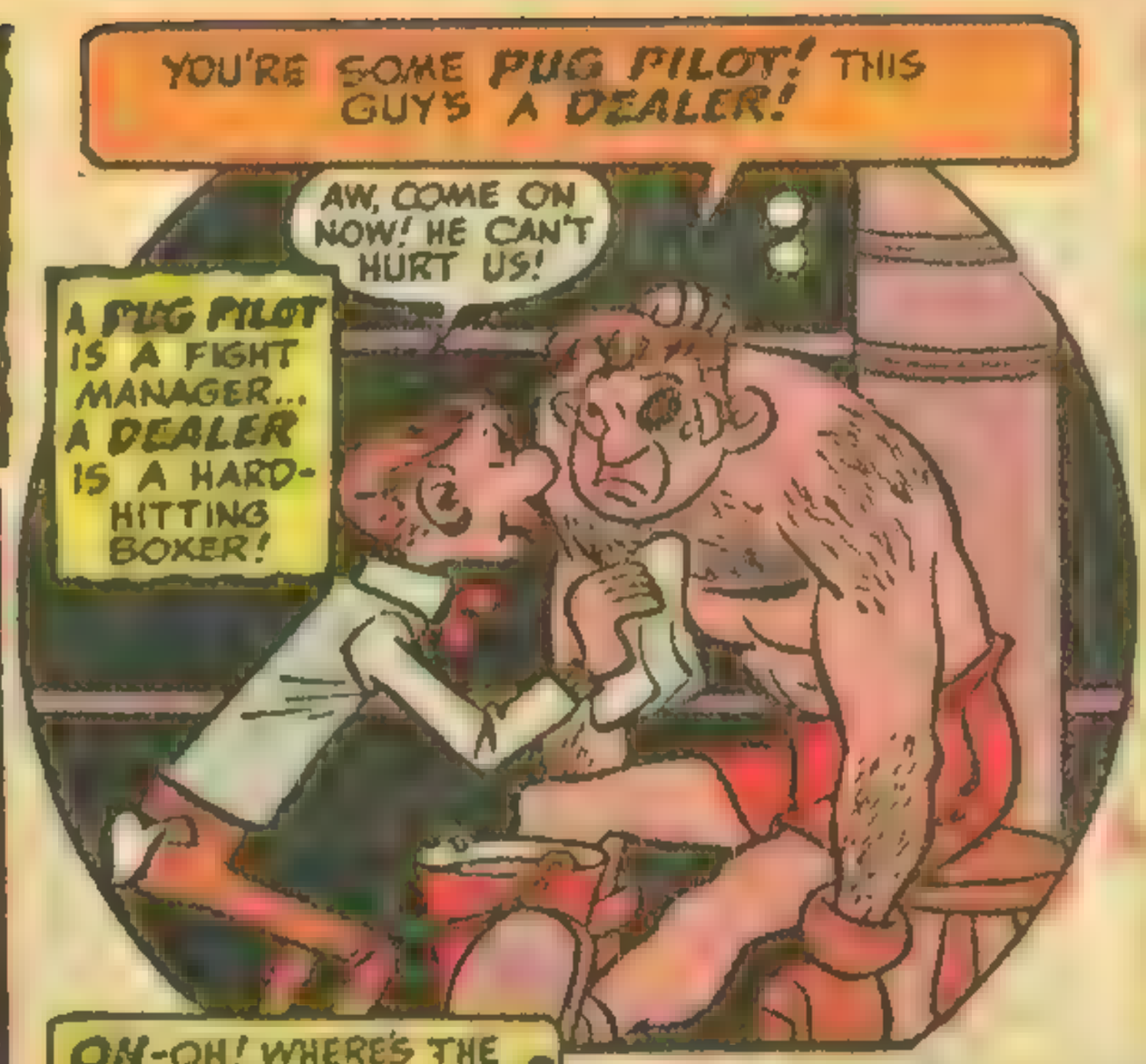
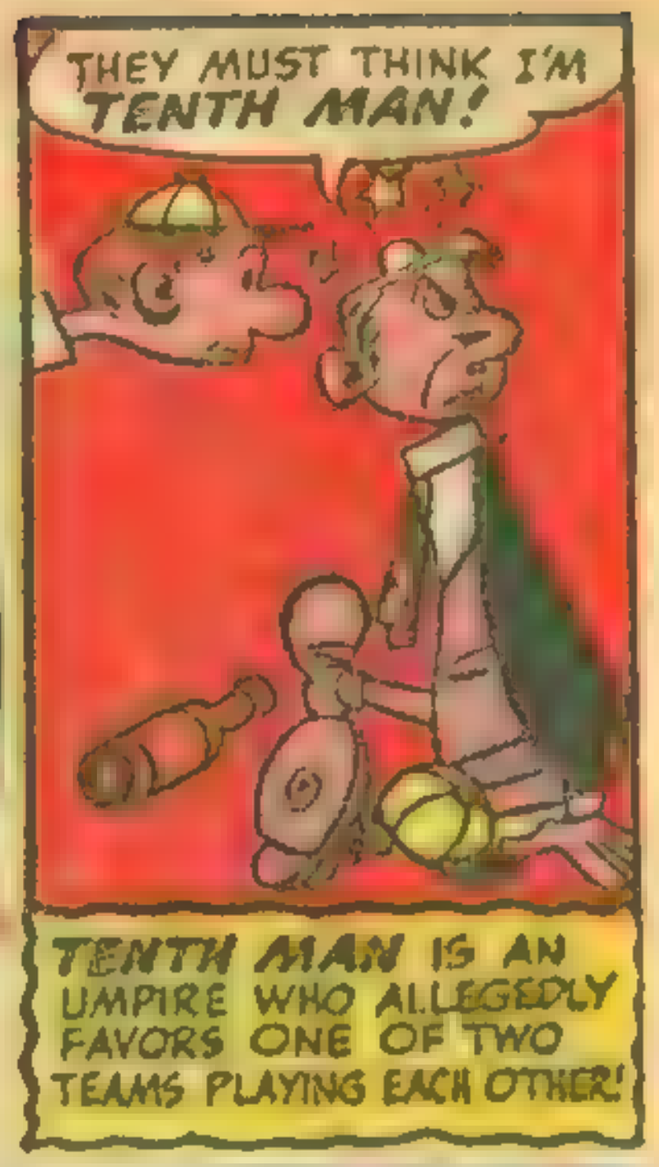
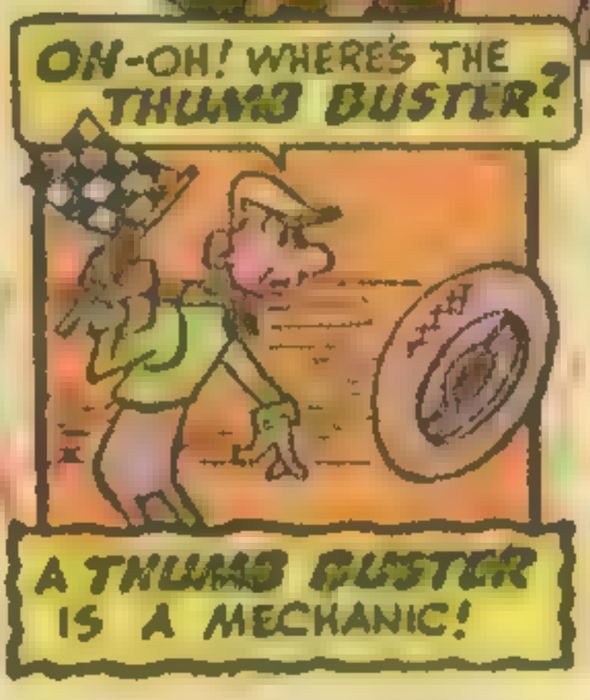
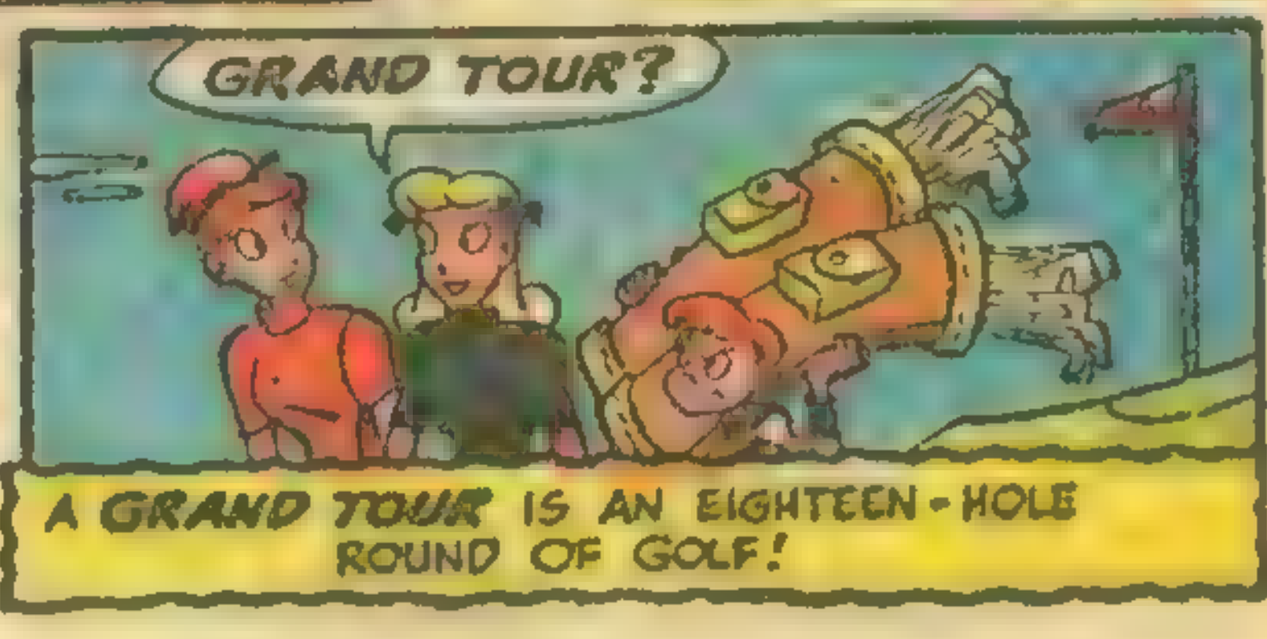

YOU'RE SOME PUG PILOT! THIS GUY'S A DEALER!
AW, COME ON NOW! HE CAN'T HURT US!
A PUG PILOT IS A FIGHT MANAGER... A DEALER IS A HARD-HITTING BOXER!







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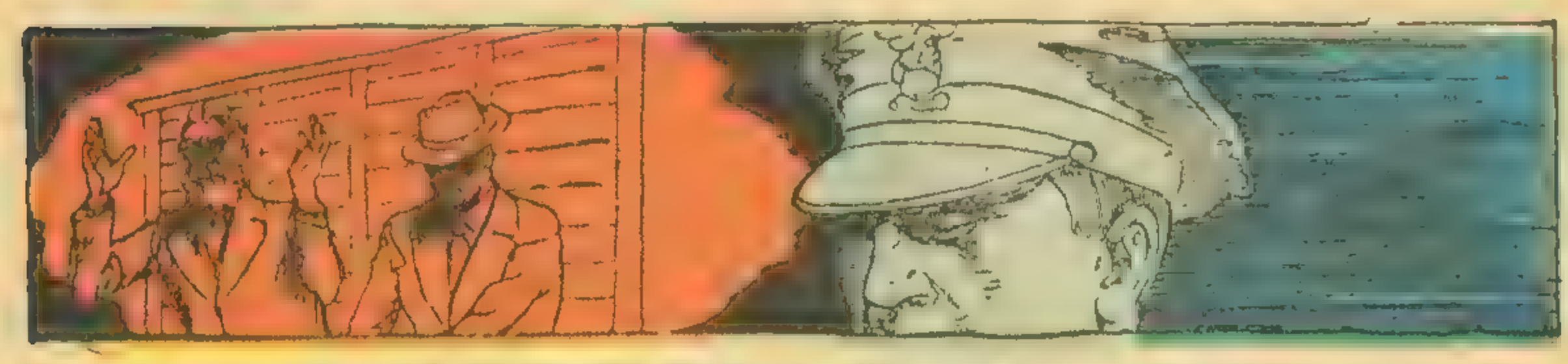
SAY-YOU CAN'T PARK OUT THERE!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
LISTEN, OFFICER, THE LAW SAYS YOU HAVE TO BE FIFTEEN FEET FROM A HYDRANT...
AND THAT'S JUST WHERE I PARKED!
END.

"Calling Police Car Number 5!"



Modern Equipment Enables An Officer to Answer A Summons in Split Seconds

SOME years ago, burglars considered the getaway the easiest phase of the crime. No wonder! Even if someone had the presence of mind and the know-how to use the police signal-box hung on the corner lamppost to alert headquarters that a crime was being committed, by the time the "Black Maria" arrived, you can be sure, the criminals were getting ready to escape.

Even the emergence of paved roads and speedy roadsters was, at first, a boon to burglars. But the margin was soon reversed by the crime-fighters, who combined two miracles of our age to make the getaway the toughest part of the crook's trade.

What were these? They were the radio and the automobile.

Thus, when two holdup men entered a pawnshop, not long ago, one began emptying the safe, while the other stood guard near the door. Luckily, a clerk was able to lift the receiver off the telephone hook without being observed by the thugs. He gave the dial one twirl, switching in the operator.

The operator, hearing one of the thugs ordering the pawnshop clerk to unlock the jewelry case, instantly buzzed police headquarters.

A moment later, two police officers in Police Car Number 5, cruising a few blocks away, heard the urgent voice of the radio dispatcher:

"Police Car Number 5, Police Car Number 5! Armed robbery in progress at 475 Elm Street!"

A minute and a half after the would-be burglars entered the pawnshop, and just 30 seconds after the call was put on the air, the two hoods were in handcuffs!

This scene is taking place every day in every city in the country. Indeed, these stop-watch captures have become so common that they are rarely reported on the front pages of our newspapers.

In the beginning, police car radio systems borrowed the facilities of the local radio station to do their broadcasting on. This didn't work out too successfully, however, for the hoods had only to keep their own car radios tuned in to receive broadcasts at the same time the police did.

The police overcame this advantage by transmitting their calls on wave intensities below the usual broadcasting band. This short-wave method worked out fine until certain big-time hoods began installing short-wave receivers in their bullet-proof sedans.

The police took one final step, the use of a police code. This stumped the crooks —and still does. As an illustration, take the following message, actually sent out over a police transmitter:

4857. Miss C John Smith, 30:5:9-135, gla, br ha, bl su, gy coao, gy hat, lef C Apr. 6 at 1:00 P.M.

The above is a simple code, despite what you think, for it concerns a missing person. If the message concerned a robbery in progress, it would be far more difficult.

Here is a translation of the above code:

"4857. Missing from Charleston, John Smith, aged 30; height, 5 feet nine inches; weight, 135 pounds. He wears glasses, has brown hair, and when last seen had on a blue suit, gray coat, and gray hat. He left Charleston on April 6 at 1:00 P.M."

So much for the radio part of the car-radio combination. The police car, which depends on its radio for top efficiency, has come a long way from the early models.

In the beginning, police cars differed from the cars we buy only in being fitted up with a few gadgets of special equipment. These included the powerful spotlight on the roof, a siren, and a windshield of shatter-proof glass.

Today, special police cars are being built with armor plate, bullet-proof glass, and a host of amazing gadgets.

The light, speedy scout car for routine police duty is the vehicle most often seen. One rarely sees the remarkable "police cruiser" which is thrown into service for special, grueling tasks.

Let's suppose, for instance, that a gang of holdup men crack a bank, and head out in their own bullet-proof sedan for a hide-out in the suburbs. This is when the police cruiser lumbers out of the police garage.

This vehicle has been described as a veritable arsenal on wheels. Equipped with two radio receivers, one for short-wave bands, the other a regular broadcasting receiver, the cruiser carries a sub-machine-gun, a tear-gas gun, a Springfield rifle, a sawed-off shotgun, automatic pistols, hand grenades, and gas bombs.

The front of the radio and the tires are protected by bullet-proof screens. In the bullet-proof windshield is a porthole, enabling the machinegun to be fired straight ahead.

Special rear-axle gears permit the cruiser to attain a speed of 110 miles per hour. And it can turn a corner at 65 miles an hour!

The cruiser has already chalked up a number of sensational captures. In one southern city, it made 17 arrests in one night. In a mid-western metropolis, the cruiser hit the road when a gang of chain-store robbers was already miles out of the city. The cruiser raced 10 miles to catch the high-powered crook car.

For years, the radio-car combination operated solely within the limits of each city. But, in a number of states, an experiment was conducted whereby crime messages were transmitted on a state-wide basis.

So successful was this experiment that, recently, Congress voted an appropriation for a master station to be built in Washington to co-ordinate the whole network of municipal and state police radio.

With the entire nation blanketed by a single radio system, top police authorities in the nation are confident that getaways will become as scarce as hen's teeth.

BATMAN AND ROBIN

BOB KANE

ALWAYS, **BATMAN** HAS HAD ONE NIGHTMARE--THAT HIS TRUE IDENTITY WOULD BE UNMASKED AS BRUCE WAYNE, SOCIALITE! AND SUDDENLY THAT NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE, AND IRONICALLY, THE ONE WHO RIPS AWAY HIS DISGUISE IS A BELOVED RELATIVE WHO MEANS HIM NO HARM! WHY? HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? ONLY ONE PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE THOSE ANSWERS --

"BRUCE WAYNE'S AUNT AGATHA!"

WHY, BRUCE-- WHATEVER ARE YOU DOING, WEARING THIS FANTASTIC COSTUME?

(ULP!) AUNT AGATHA!

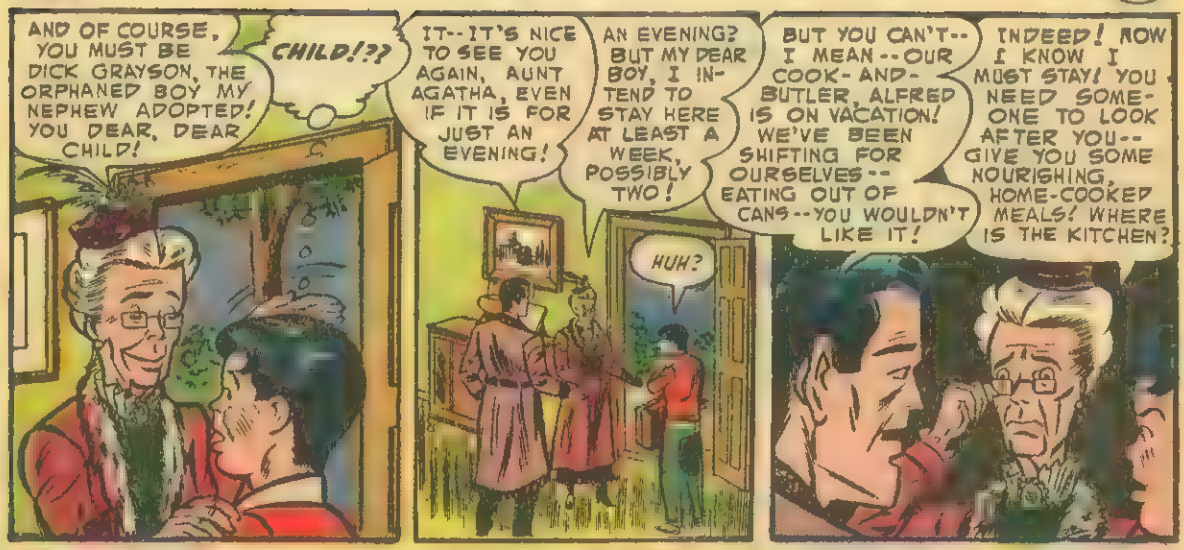
ONE NIGHT, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, ARE ABOUT TO DON THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING GARB OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE BOY WONDER...

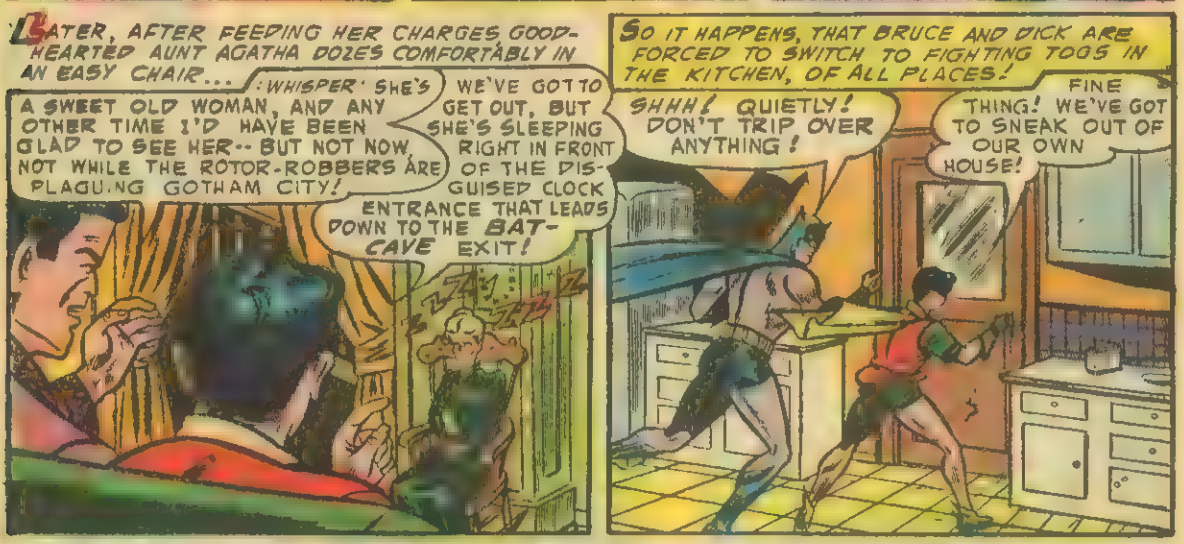
THE DOORBELL! WHAT A TIME FOR A VISITOR!

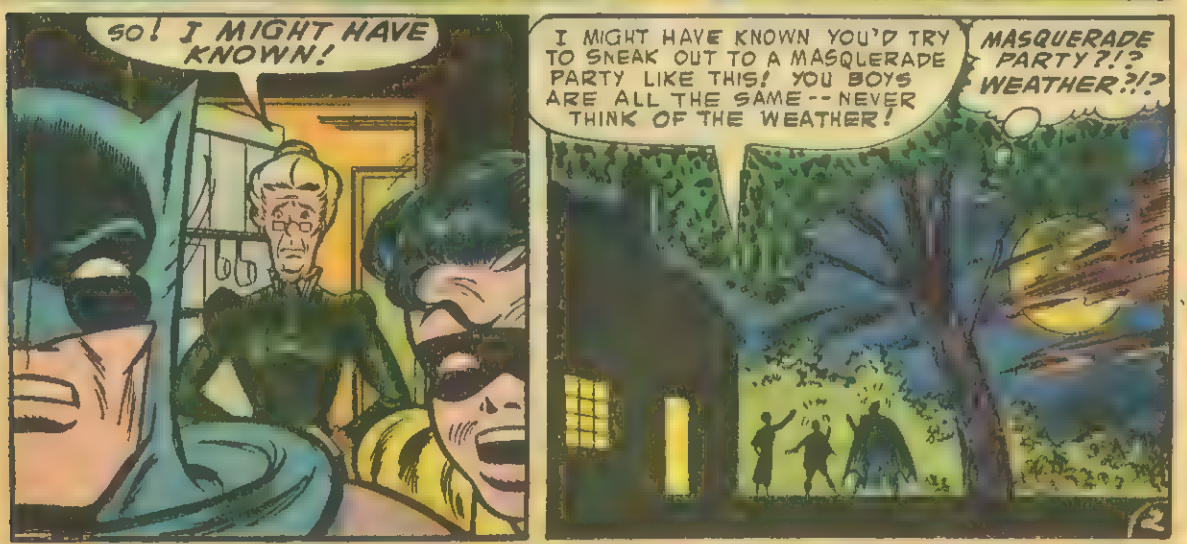
HIDE THESE COSTUMES! I'LL GET RID OF WHOEVER IT IS!

BRUCE, MY DEAR, DEAR BOY! HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

AUNT AGATHA! (ULP!)


AND OF COURSE, YOU MUST BE DICK GRAYSON, THE ORPHANED BOY MY NEPHEW ADOPTED! YOU DEAR, DEAR CHILD!
CHILD!??
IT--IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, AUNT AGATHA, EVEN IF IT IS FOR JUST AN EVENING!
AN EVENING? BUT MY DEAR BOY, I INTEND TO STAY HERE AT LEAST A WEEK, POSSIBLY TWO!
HUH?
BUT YOU CAN'T-- I MEAN--OUR COOK-AND-BUTLER, ALFRED IS ON VACATION! WE'VE BEEN SHIFTING FOR OURSELVES-- EATING OUT OF CANS--YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT!
INDEED! NOW I KNOW I MUST STAY! YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOU-- GIVE YOU SOME NOURISHING, HOME-COOKED MEALS! WHERE IS THE KITCHEN?


LATER, AFTER FEEDING HER CHARGES GOOD-HEARTED AUNT AGATHA DOZES COMFORTABLY IN AN EASY CHAIR...
:WHISPER' SHE'S A SWEET OLD WOMAN, AND ANY OTHER TIME I'D HAVE BEEN GLAD TO SEE HER-- BUT NOT NOW, NOT WHILE THE ROTOR-ROBBERS ARE PLAGUING GOTHAM CITY!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT, BUT SHE'S SLEEPING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE DISGUISED CLOCK ENTRANCE THAT LEADS DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE EXIT!
SO IT HAPPENS, THAT BRUCE AND DICK ARE FORCED TO SWITCH TO FIGHTING TOGS IN THE KITCHEN, OF ALL PLACES!
SHHH! QUIETLY! DON'T TRIP OVER ANYTHING!
FINE THING! WE'VE GOT TO SNEAK OUT OF OUR OWN HOUSE!


SO! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D TRY TO SNEAK OUT TO A MASQUERADE PARTY LIKE THIS! YOU BOYS ARE ALL THE SAME--NEVER THINK OF THE WEATHER!
MASQUERADE PARTY?!? WEATHER?!?

BATMAN

NOW YOU MARCH RIGHT BACK IN HERE AND PUT ON YOUR RUBBERS! TSK-TSK! SUCH A CLOUDY-LOOKING NIGHT! I WON'T HAVE YOU COMING HOME IN THE RAIN!

RUBBERS? BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST PUT ON RUBBERS?

HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY! AND BRUCE, DON'T FORGET YOUR UMBRELLA!

OH, SURE-- THE UMBRELLA! WE MUSTN'T FORGET THE UMBRELLA!

WE LOOK A LITTLE SILLY! YOU SHOULD SEE YOURSELF, CARRYING THAT UMBRELLA!

HA! HA! AS LONG AS AUNT AGATHA ONLY THINKS WE ARE DRESSED FOR A COSTUME PARTY, IT'S WORTH IT!

LATER, AS THE ALERT CRIME-FIGHTERS PATROL THE CITY, A THROBBING SOUND DRAWS THEIR ATTENTION...

Z-Z-Z-

BUZZ-Z-Z-

THE ROTOR ROBBERS--FLYING BANDITS POWERED BY HELICOPTERS THAT ENABLE THEM TO LAND IN INACCESSIBLE PLACES...

HERE IT IS, MEN! THE PYRAMID JEWELRY COMPANY OFFICE -- RIGHT ON THE ROOF! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A TOUGH PLACE TO CRACK, BUT NOT FOR US!

YEAH-- NOT WHEN YOU FIGURE OUT A JOB, RAVEN!

AT LAST! THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! WE'LL TAKE THE EXPRESS ELEVATOR UP AND SURPRISE THEM!

LOOK! THE ROTOR ROBBERS... ON THE PYRAMID BUILDING!

AS THEIR FOLD-AWAY PROPELLERS COLLAPSE, THE BANDITS ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED IN THEIR WORK...

ALL RIGHT, ROBIN-- LET'S LOWER THE BOOM ON THEM!

MY FISTS ARE ROLLED AND I'M READY FOR ACTION!

YOU'VE JUST BEEN HIT BY A GUIDED MISSILE -- MY FIST!
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME BATMAN HAD HIS WINGS CLIPPED!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A HIGH-FLYING BIRD, BATMAN -- BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE HEADED FOR A FALL!
LIKE A HAWK POUNCING ON HIS PREY, THE FLYING BANDIT NOW HOLDS BATMAN HELPLESS IN HIS GRIP!
HA! HA! SO, YOU WANT TO BE FREE, EH, BATMAN? STOP YOUR STRUGGLING --
Z-Z-Z-
-- I'M ONLY TOO GLAD TO OBLIGE! HAPPY LANDINGS! HA! HA!
BUT BATMAN'S REFLEXES RESPOND TO HIS PERIL WITH SPLIT-SECOND ACTION! HIS THUMB PRESSES THE UMBRELLA CATCH AND...
THE TAUT SILK CATCHES THE AIR, CHECKING HIS FALL -- GIVING HIM PRECIOUS INSTANTS IN WHICH TO STEER HIMSELF TOWARD A PENTHOUSE AWNING BELOW...
A THREE-POINT LANDING -- RIGHT ON TARGET!

BATMAN

LATER... BLESS AUNT AGATHA! SHE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING WHEN SHE MADE ME TAKE THIS UMBRELLA! THAT WAS QUITE A "STORM" I WEATHERED!

SHE WAS RIGHT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! IT'S **STARTING TO RAIN!**

LATER, WHEN THEY RETURN HOME... MY, WHAT A RAINSTORM! BUT DON'T WORRY! I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT ON THE RADIO.. THEY POSTPONED THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE PARTY AT GOTHAM PARK TILL TOMORROW NIGHT!

OF COURSE! THE OUT-DOOR YEARLY COSTUME BALL! IT'S PERFECT! IT GIVES US THE PERFECT EXCUSE FOR WEARING THESE COSTUMES AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT!

THE NEXT DAY, DUTIFUL NEPHEW BRUCE TAKES AUNT AGATHA AND DICK ON A SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF GOTHAM CITY...

FROM THE ROOF OF THE STATE BUILDING, YOU CAN SEE PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE CITY! ENJOYING THE TELESCOPE, AUNT AGATHA?

OH, YES! DICK, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A LOOK, TOO?

OKAY!

AS DICK IDLY TAKES IN A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE SKYLINE, SUDDENLY HE FOCUSES ON A FAMILIAR FACE...

IT'S **RAVEN**, THE ROTOR ROBBER! THAT WARE-HOUSE -- THAT MUST BE THE BANDIT HIDEOUT!

LATER, THE MOON LOOKS DOWN ON TWO CAPED FIGURES MOVING WITH THE STEALTH OF SHADOWS...

ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN** -- LET'S GO IN AND TAKE THEM!

WAREHOUSE

THAT NIGHT, BRUCE AND DICK BRAZENLY PARADE BEFORE AUNT AGATHA IN THEIR "MASQUERADE PARTY" COSTUMES...

I'M A LITTLE TIRED! I BELIEVE I'LL TURN IN EARLY TONIGHT! HAVE A NICE TIME AT THE PARTY -- AND DON'T COME HOME TOO LATE!

BUT, UNKNOWN TO BATMAN THE INNOCENT-LOOKING RAIN PIPE IS IN REALITY AN INGENIOUS PERISCOPE THAT RELAYS A TELL-TALE SCENE INTO RAVEN'S HIDEOUT...
WE'RE GETTING COMPANY! LET'S GIVE THEM A PROPER WELCOME!
WELL-WELL! LOOKS LIKE WE BAGGED A COUPLE OF STRAY ALLEY CATS-- OR SHOULD I SAY, BATS!
NOW, BATMAN, IT'S GOING TO GIVE ME EXTREME PLEASURE TO PUT A BULLET INTO YOUR HEART!
SUDDENLY, A FAMILIAR, MOCKING FIGURE INTERRUPTS THE EXECUTION...
DROP THAT GUN AND GET THEM FREE! INSTANTLY!
THE JOKER!
???
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BRUCE?
AUNT AGATHA!
A DAME! WH-WHAT IS THIS? HOW COME YOU CALLED BATMAN "BRUCE"?
THIS BOY--"BATMAN"? DON'T BE IDIOTIC! THIS IS ONLY MY NEPHEW, BRUCE WAYNE, DRESSED FOR THE OUTDOOR MASQUERADE BALL!
OH-H-H-H-- NO-O-O!
AT LAST, BATMAN HAS BEEN UNMASKED-- NOT BY AN ENEMY-- BUT, INSTEAD, BY HIS WELL-MEANING AUNT. IS THIS TO BE THE END OF BATMAN'S CAREER?

BOSS, MAYBE IT'S A TRICK! IT'S GOTTA BE BATMAN!

NAW! IF WAYNE WAS REALLY BATMAN, YOU DON'T REALLY THINK HIS OWN AUNT WOULD HAVE UNMASKED HIM, DO YOU? NAW-- WE MADE A MISTAKE. THAT'S ALL!

THEN HOW COME THEY WUZ SNOOPIN' AROUND?

FOOLISH MAN! IF YOU WERE WEARING A "BATMAN" COSTUME, AND SAW A CHANCE TO CAPTURE A THIEF, WOULDN'T YOU DO IT? IT'S SIMPLY A CASE OF MY NEPHEW TRYING TO BE LIKE HIS IDOL--BATMAN!

YOU FOLKS CAN STICK AROUND PLAYING QUIZ GAMES--I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

GO AFTER THAT VILLAIN, BRUCE! DICK AND I CAN MANAGE THESE COWARDS! IF ONE OF THEM MOVES AN EYE-LASH, I'LL SHOOT!

HEY-- LADY, TAKE IT EASY WITH THAT ROD!

HE'S A FAST MAN ON THE TAKE-OFF... BUT WITH A PIN-WHEEL ON MY BACK I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRING HIM IN!

MOMENTS LATER, BATMAN FLIES IN SWIFT PURSUIT OF THE SKY PIRATE!

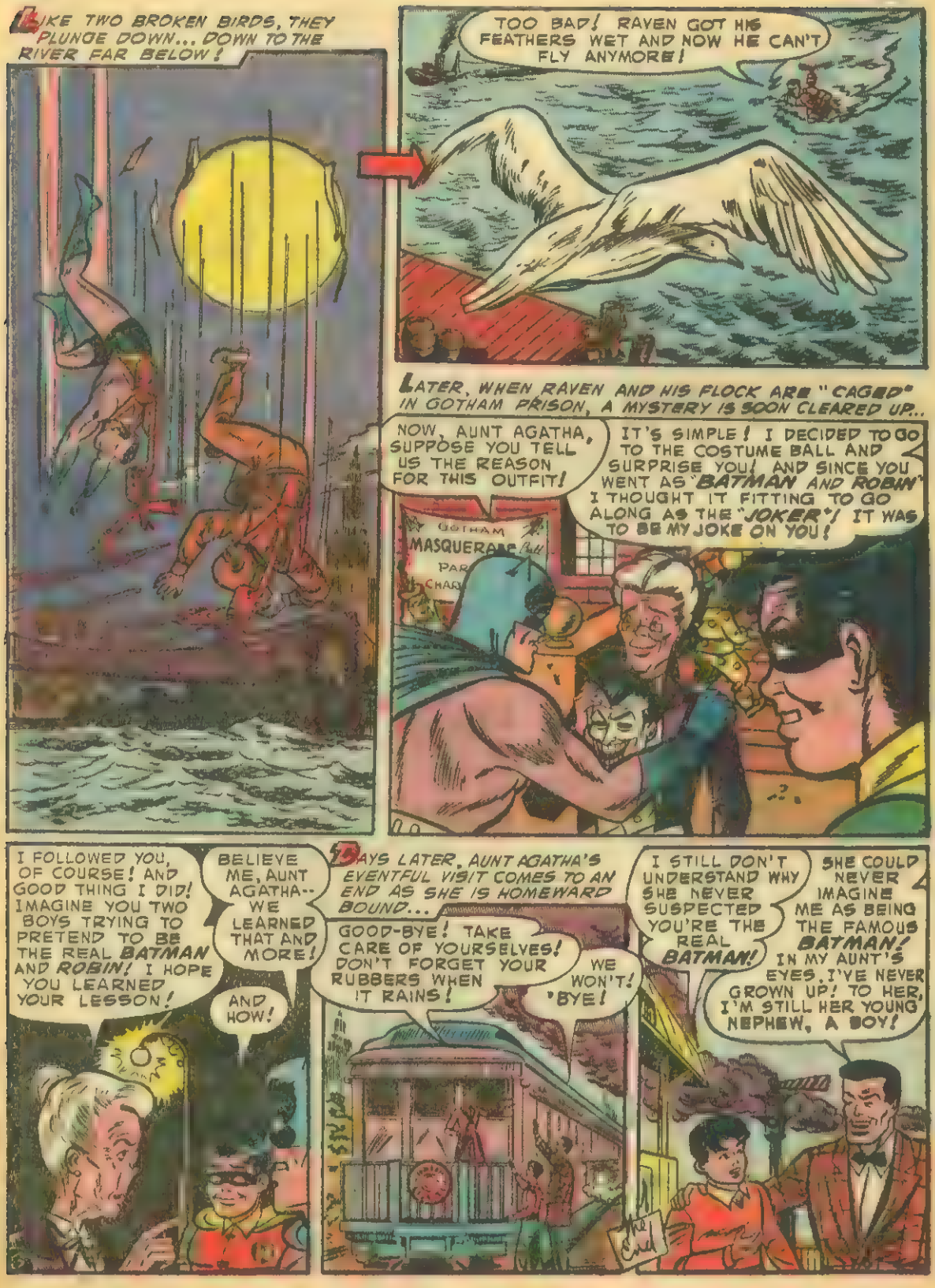
TOO BAD, "BATMAN"-- BUT MY ROTOR OUTFIT CARRIES A WELL-EQUIPPED GUN HOLSTER! NOW--YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME A DEAD PIGEON!

ONLY ONE CHANCE-- AND I MUST TAKE IT!

BUZ-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z---

DELIBERATELY, BATMAN DARTS FORWARD UNTIL THE PROPELLERS TANGLE IN A SHATTER OF FLYING SPLINTERS!

CRASH!!!


LIKE TWO BROKEN BIRDS, THEY PLUNGE DOWN... DOWN TO THE RIVER FAR BELOW!
TOO BAD! RAVEN GOT HIS FEATHERS WET AND NOW HE CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!
LATER, WHEN RAVEN AND HIS FLOCK ARE "CAGED" IN GOTHAM PRISON, A MYSTERY IS SOON CLEARED UP..
NOW, AUNT AGATHA, SUPPOSE YOU TELL US THE REASON FOR THIS OUTFIT!
IT'S SIMPLE! I DECIDED TO GO TO THE COSTUME BALL AND SURPRISE YOU! AND SINCE YOU WENT AS "BATMAN AND ROBIN" I THOUGHT IT FITTING TO GO ALONG AS THE "JOKER"! IT WAS TO BE MY JOKE ON YOU!
GOTHAM
MASQUERADE
I FOLLOWED YOU, OF COURSE! AND GOOD THING I DID! IMAGINE YOU TWO BOYS TRYING TO PRETEND TO BE THE REAL BATMAN AND ROBIN! I HOPE YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON!
BELIEVE ME, AUNT AGATHA-- WE LEARNED THAT AND MORE!
AND HOW!
DAYS LATER, AUNT AGATHA'S EVENTFUL VISIT COMES TO AN END AS SHE IS HOMEWARD BOUND...
GOOD-BYE! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES! DON'T FORGET YOUR RUBBERS WHEN IT RAINS!
WE WON'T! 'BYE!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE NEVER SUSPECTED YOU'RE THE REAL BATMAN!
SHE COULD NEVER IMAGINE ME AS BEING THE FAMOUS BATMAN! IN MY AUNT'S EYES, I'VE NEVER GROWN UP! TO HER, I'M STILL HER YOUNG NEPHEW, A BOY!

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(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)

IN WHAT COUNTRY DO THE CHILDREN MAKE AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF WHEAT SHEAVES FOR THE BIRDS?

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WHERE IS IT THE CUSTOM FOR CHILDREN TO FILL WOODEN SHOES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WITH TIDBITS FOR ST. NICK'S WHITE HORSE?

WHERE DO PEOPLE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY GATHERING AROUND A LIGHTED COMMUNITY TREE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

IN WHAT COUNTRY IS A CHRISTMAS CEREMONY PERFORMED IN WHICH THE MOTHER CLUCKS LIKE A HEN AND HER CHILDREN CHIRP LIKE CHICKENS, WHILE SCATTERING STRAW ON THE FLOOR OF THEIR HOME?

WHERE IS THE CHRISTMAS FIESTA CLIMAXED BY A GAY DANCE CALLED THE *CUECA*, PERFORMED OUTDOORS UNDER A SUMMER SKY BY A COWBOY AND A COUNTRY GIRL?

THE ANSWERS... *READ UPSIDE DOWN*

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2. MEXICO
3. BELGIUM
4. UNITED STATES
5. YUGOSLAVIA
6. CHILE

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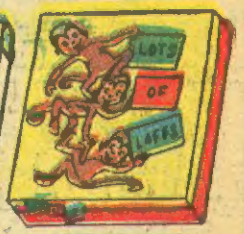

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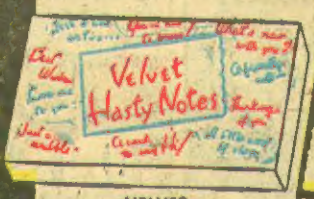

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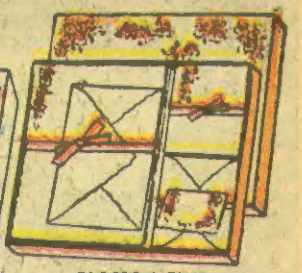

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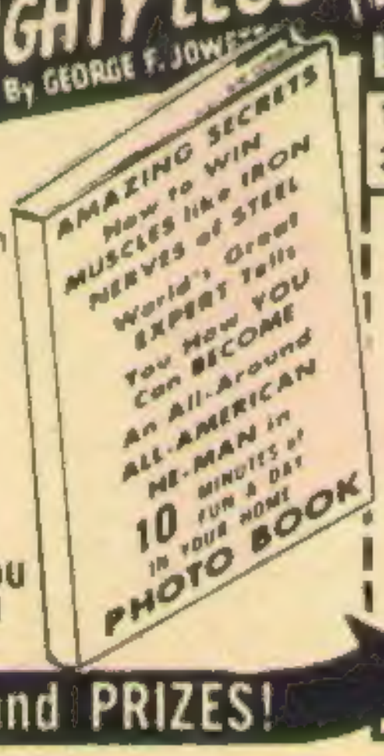
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